MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

February 2025

Maintenance/WSH PD Day

This annual learning and connecting event was held on February 5 in Winnipeg with 38 attendees. The MASBO Maintenance Committee, led by Provincial Director, Gibby Finnbogason put together an interesting agenda with topics and speakers and the ever-popular round table discussions.

The topics that were presented:
Preventing sprain and strain injuries
Maintenance software
Equipment and Maintenance supplies programs
Vendor tradeshow

Transportation Conference

This annual learning and connecting event was held February 6-7 in Winnipeg with 34 attendees. The MASBO Transportation Committee, led by Provincial Director, Cam Woodcock put together the agenda and facilitated the event.

Topics covered during the event included:
Updates from PTU
Tips for a well-behaved bus ride
Vendor tradeshow
MIT audit process
GPS experiences

Passing of Minister of Education

MASBO and the education community were saddened by the passing of Minister Nello Altomare in January. I attended the Celebration of Life event on behalf of MASBO. It was a fitting tribute to Nello with many local and education community members attending. Nello was a strong advocate for education and will be missed.



Calendar of Events

April 2025	Regional Meetings: Northwestern – April 24-25, Russell South-Interlake – date TBD Winnipeg - date TBD
May 28-30, 2025	MASBO AGM & Convention, Victoria Inn Brandon

MASBO DEI Committee

In the spirit of expanding our learning about our diverse community and enriching our DEI understanding, we would like to share some information throughout the year on events of significance. We invite our MASBO members to contact the DEI Committee to let us know of events of interest to share with MASBO members.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Did you know that the month of February is officially recognized across Canada as a time to participate in Black History Month events, celebrations and learn more about the history and contributions of Black people in Canada? This year's theme is *"Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations".*



You may find excellent resources, toolkits and more from this Government of Canada website:
February is Black History Month - Canada.ca
An alternate site that may be of interest for resources and local events and workshops is the UM News link:
Share, celebrate, understand, participate: Black History Month 2025

RAMADAN AND EID-UL-FITR

At the end of February, Muslim people of every nationality will be getting ready around the world to begin **Ramadan.** This is a holy month of fasting, prayer and spiritual reflection that is based on a lunar calendar. This means that the dates change annually. It is followed by a celebration called Eid-ul-Fitr.

Our local Manitoba Islamic Association has put together Ramadan and Eid Resources which are geared towards K-12 industry.



Please visit this link to learn more about Ramadan.
Ramadan & Eid Resources – Embracing Diversity in Manitoba Education



February is I love to Read Month!